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Regarding Section 205.252 Option A (f)

With it's history of stock assessment of virtually all commercial fishery species in the US, we feel that some provision should be available for the US Dept of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service to play an integral part in the sustainability determination issue.

Also, we would like clarification of 205.252 Option A (g)(1).

Is this meant to imply that harvest of a species if wild caught fish is limited to the production of aquaculture?

Total aquaculture?

Aquaculture of the species being fed?

Total organic aquaculture?

Organic aquaculture of the species being fed?

Does this mean total fish meal and fish oil production from all sources? Individual species?

Current wording is ambiguous on this matter, and could be interpreted in such a manner to potentially restrict fish meal and fish oil to levels only enough to supply organic aquaculture needs, or insure that certain commercial production of fish meal and fish oil will never qualify as organic due to it's catch levels.

Regards,

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